Receipts & Expenditures

AND REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF DURHAM,

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1, 1865.

DOVER, N. H.
GEO. WADLEIGH, PRINTER—ENQUIRER OFFICE.
1865.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURES.

Families of Volunteers, from May 1, 1863, to May 1, 1864.

Luke R. Vibbert, $12 per month, from May 1, to May 1,1864,			$144 00
Samuel E. Smith	do	do	144 00
Samuel J. Jones	do	do	144 00
James H. Long	do	do	144 00
Andrew D. Moring	do	do	144 00
James T. Young	do	do	144 00
Robert W. Francis	do	do	144 00
John Goodrich	do	do	144 00
Shepard children	do	to Jan. 1st	96 00
Charles W. Philbrick	do	to July 15	30 00
Charles W. Philbrick $8 per month from July 15 to January 15			48 00
James L. Goodwin $12	do	from May 1, to Oct. 3	61 00
James L. Goodwin $8	do	Oct. 3, to April 3	48 00
George O. Keniston $ 12	do	May 1, to June 1	12 00
David O. Davis $12	do	Oct. 1, to May 1	84 00
Alphonzo Pinkham $12	do	May 1, to Aug. 28	46 00
Alphonzo Pinkham $8	do	Aug. 28, to Feb. 28	48 00
Fernando Gerrish $8	do	May 1 to Oct. 7	41 60
Asa D. Palmer $8	do	May 1 to May 1	96 00
James W. Starbird $8	do	May 1 to June 1	8 00
Curtis Stimpson $8	do	May 1 to May 1	96 00
Nicholas Long	do	do do	96 00
Samuel T. Long	do	do to Aug. 6	25 33
Amos M. Smaz	do	do to Oct. 2	41 60
Moses B. Langley	do	Aug. 18, to May 1	67 20

Otis W. Hewins $4	do	May 1 to Nov. 11	25 45
Otis W. Hewins $8	do	Nov. 11 to May 1	45 06
Alfred E. Davis $4	do	May 1 to May 1	48 00
Samuel Stevens	do	do do	48 00
George E. Langley	do	do do	48 00
James H. Tuttle	do	do do	48 00
Thomas Lees	do	do to March 1	40 00
Alfred Stevenson $4	a month	from May 1 to May 1	48 00
Charles E. B. Edgerly	do	do to May 11	1 33
George P. Doeg	do	May 1 to Nov. 23	27 00
George P. Doeg $8	do	Nov. 23 to May 1	41 60
Joshua Pinkham $4	do	May 1 to May 1	48 00
Joseph W. Dame	do	do do	48 00
Charles O. Jones	do	do do	48 00
William E. Paul	do	do do	48 00
Horatio P. Abbott	do	do do	48 00
John Cleaves	do	do to March 1	40 00
George W. Hanson	do	Dec. 1 to May 1	20 00
George P. Demeritt	do	March 1 to May 1	8 00
John Drew, 2d $12	do	Sept. 14 to May 1	90 40
Geo. F. Richardson $8	do	May 1 to May 1	96 00
Cephas Hepworth $4	do	do to Aug. 9	13 07
Charles H. Reynolds	do	do to April 17	46 00
Patrick Ryan	do	do to July 24	11 07
Wm. W. Halstead $8	do	Feb. 1 to May 1	24 00
			$3106 71
		Less amount cr. last Report	$2500 00
			$606 71

ARREARAGES.

Paid J. C. Bartlett and J. Mooney, Auditors,			$ 4 00
C. G. Smith, N. M. Co. bill for gravel,			70
C. G. Smith, B. Mathes' bill for powder,			2 12
William Langley, abatement on his tax,			1 75
John Sullivan,	do	do	1 94
Joseph Y. Chapman	do	do	4 00

Paid C. G. Smith, bill, printing 400 town reports 1863		47 00
C. G. Smith, time and expense in getting reports printed,		10 00
John Smart, care of hearse, 1863,		2 00
True W. Thompson, time and expense distributing books,		8 00
Rockingham F. M. assessment on Alms House,		4 73
		$86 24

STATE TAX.

Paid Peter Sanborn, State Treasurer,		2445 00

COUNTY TAX.

Paid Russell B. Wiggin, County Treasurer,		1178 20

TOWN FARM.

E. Thompson Cr. for balance due March 1	473 96	
Cash of James Butler for pasturing,	5 19	
	479 15	
Paid E. Thompson for use of mowing machine,		12 00
Pendexter and Meserve, Appraisers,		4 00
Dr. Sanborn, for visiting S. French,		4 00
Mrs. F. B. Stevens,		6 00
J. Twombly, for shoes for French girl,		1 50
J. Sullivan, 1 cord wood for Mrs. Crane,		6 50
do Services since Feb. 27,		4 50
F. B. Stevens, services for year ending April 1, 1864,		190 00
Sargent Hanson, bill for medicine,		4 22
Joseph W. Coe,		95
F. B. Stevens and John B. York, bill for labor at Almshouse,		9 00
John P. Emerson, labor at farm,		5 25
Daniel Chesley, do do		6 00
		$253 92
Barrington taxes, 4 58; Ira T. Jenkins, for ten cords of wood, 20 00,		24 58

ABATEMENTS, 1863.

Hiram S. Knowles, 2 80,	Charles H. Willey, 2 80	5 60
Mark E. Willey, 2 80,	Hosea Bryant, 2 80,	
Thomas Henney, 2 96,		8 56
		14 16

ABATEMENTS, 1864.

Aaron Corson, 3 60,	Nathaniel Ellett, 3 60	7 20
Levi Hanson, 3 60	Solomon Pendergast, 3 60,	7 20
George Brown, 3 60,	Albert Brown, 3 60,	7 20
Je'miah Freeman, 3 60,	Thomas Young, 2 00,	5 60
Mark E. Willey, 3 60,	Alonzo York, 3 60	7 20
David Sullivan, 27c.	Charles Sinclair, 3 60,	3 87
		$38 27

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid Ai T. Gilman in full,	$67 45
Cyrus G. Smith, do	11 05
Eliza A. Smith to April 6, 1864	90 00
Frances Durgin do 21 do	18 00
Portsmouth Savings Bank, in full,	88 95
Nathan Woodman, for A. H. Woodman, in full,	147 31
George E. Langley, in full,	90
Eben J. Parsons, for M. J. Parsons, in full,	4 90
George W. Butler, in full,	15 00
Sarah A. Woodman to Sept 12, 1864,	60 00
Sarah A. Woodman in full,	98 60
Hale Stevens for A. J. Stevens,	7 25
Luke R. Vibbert in full,	7 50
Alfred Chesley in full,	6 51
Benjamin Thompson, Durham,	54 00
A. D. McDaniel for William H. Allen to Sept. 4,	26 40
Geo. J. Wiggin for John A. Hanson to Sept. 5,	26 40
Nathan Woodman to Sept. 4,	120 00
do to Oct. 5,	30 00
do to Dec. 28,	60 00

Paid Joshua B. Smith in full,	22 43
Sarah Paul to Sept. 5,	26 40
Nathan Durgin to Sept. 5,	60 00
Joseph R. Chesley to Sep. 12,	18 00
do to March 24, 1865,	18 00
M. P. Thompson for S. Philbrick to Sep. 12,	9 00
Nicholas Drew to Sep. 13,	9 00
do to Feb. 24, 1865,	7 20
R. P. for S. A. Wentworth to Sep, 17,	36 00
Andrew L. Simpson to Sep. 19,	12 00
Charlotte Woodman to Sep. 22,	26 64
Benjamin Thompson, Barrington, to Sep. 29,	60 00
do do to Sep. 1,	9 78
Federal B. Stevens to Sep. 5,	6 00
Andrew D. McDaniel to Sep. 17,	30 00
Cyrus G. Hull to Sep 28,	42 00
Clark Mathes to Jan. 15, 1865,	42 60
do to Oct. 1, 1864,	27 00
do in full	12 35
A. D. McDaniel for C. O. Jones to Sep. 5,	24 00
Jason Dame to Oct. 6, $9, to Oct. 18, $60,	69 00
Alfred F. Paul to Oct. 1,	3 00
David O. Davis to Oct. 8,	12 00
Ann Smith in full,	11 35
John Drew to Nov. 19,	13 50
Joseph Smith to Nov. 24,	18 00
C. Starbird in full,	8 50
Jeremiah Langley to Jan. 14 $36, for S. Rand $6	42 00
do in full,	2 63
Charles E. Demeritt to Jan. 15, 1865,	8 50
Samuel Emerson to do 2 do	18 00
Benjamin Mathes to Oct. 14, 1864,	12 00
George W. Pinkham to Feb. 15, 1865,	57 25
George W. Palmer to Nov. 24, 1864,	14 88
James Connor to March 1, 1865,	12 00
Henry S. Palmer to Nov. 24, 1864,	12 78
Joseph Dame in full,	12 00

Paid James M. Bunker to Feb. 2, 1865,	18 00
Andrew D. McDaniel to Jan. 22, 1865,	21 60
John Mooney,	31 50
Peter McKone to Nov. 7, 1864,	6 00
	$1842 21

SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1.	Paid George W. Butler,	211 64
2.	Daniel Chesley,	59 84
3.	Joseph Smith,	67 82
4.	Charles H. Bunker,	128 61
"	Israel P. Church,	1 96
5.	Ebenezer F. Doe,	117 12
"	George A. Bennett,	6 95
6.	George E. Edgerly,	75 74
7.	Thomas C. Clark,	119 90
8.	Joseph S. Burnham,	104 12
9.	William Meader,	99 70
10.	Thomas H. Wiswall,	76 44
		1069 84

PACKER'S FALLS BRIDGE.

Paid Henry A. Drew 4 days labor,	8 00
Mark H. Mathes 5 1-2 do	7 50
George F. Ricker 1, do	1 00
Darius Stevens 5, do	8 75
Asa Miller 4 1-2, do	5 62
Ezra Parsons 8, do	10 00
Samuel T. Long 1, do	1 00
John Drew 3 1-2 do	7 00
Ezra Parsons 1800 feet plank,	25 20
Z. D. Creighton nails,	1 95
Jacob Mathes 4 days labor,	8 00
Jacob Mathes 6 oxen and horses 7 days,	10 50
J. S. Bennett for nails,	35
Joseph S. Burnham 1677 feet of timber,	25 15
Charles W. Hayes 4 1-2 days labor,	3 37
Lydia Hayes, oxen 3 1-2 do	4 38
	127 77

WISWALL'S MILL BRIDGE.

Paid John B. Griffith for 24 days labor,	48 00
do 150 feet of lumber	3 00
do use of drag 8 days,	2 00
Darius Stevens 9 days labor,	18 00
Thompson Jackson 10 do	20 00
Samuel Twombly 11 do	27 50
do use of drills and fuse,	1 12
Thompson Jackson labor in filling up,	3 34
T. and C. D. Garland sharpening drills &c.	1 64
David S. Glidden 1 day, and cutting 3 trees,	2 50
Joshua B. Smith oxen 3 days and fuse,	5 36
Geo. & Wm. P. Ffrost bill of powder	84
Jose W. Woodman railing bridge,	4 00
Mark H. Mathes drawing timber,	75
John Drew 20 days labor and use of tools,	42 66
Thomas H. Wiswall nails, 44, 261 feet rails 5,22	5 66
Jacob Mathes drawing timber 1,75, service and Derrick, 6 00,	7 75
	194 12

JONES BRIDGE—On Newmarket Road.

Paid John B. York	2 00,	Enoch J. Coffin 3 00,	5 00
George W. Butler	3 00,	Nathan Keniston 2 25,	5 25
Israel Ricker	4 00,	Parker Stevens, Jr. 3 00,	7 00
John Rundlett,			75
			18 00

JOHNSON CREEK BRIDGE.

Paid Charles E. Demeritt labor 5 days,	8 25
Thompson 4 days	8 00
Darius Stevens 4 days	8 00
Samuel Gerrish 1-2 day	75
Mark H. Mathes 4 1-2 days	7 88
George W. Butler 1 day	2 00
Jacob Mathes 8 days	14 25
William F. Jones 740 feet of timber,	8 88
Jacob Mathes powder, stone tools and derrick,	4 00
	62 01

BRIDGE—On Madbury Road.

Paid Darius Stevens, labor 3 days	6 00
Geo. W. Butler 6 days,	12 00
Minot W. Langmaid, labor 8 days,	16 00
Charles Butler, 4 days,	4 00
Jacob Mathes, 3 covering stone	11 00
Geo. W. Butler, 1 do	1 00
Rufus Willey, bill for sharpening drills and iron	3 25
	53 25

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid John Drew, 6060 feet plank,	84 84
Eben J. Parsons, 636 feet timber for bridge stringers,	9 22
J. & C. D. Garland, repairing chains,	62
Aaron Corson, 1 day on Packer's Falls road,	1 25
Joseph Young, labor on Packer's Falls road,	4 50
William Woodman, " " "	4 00
Mark H. Mathes, 1 day " "	1 50
Asa Miller, 2 days " "	2 50
Ezra Parsons, 1 day " "	1 25
Geo. W. Butler, 3-4 day " "	1 25
" " 1 day on Newmarket bridge,	2 00
John S. Bennett, material " "	1 48
Jacob Mathes, 2 days on P. Falls road,	4 00
Peter McKone, labor,	25
Michael McKone,	35
Joseph S. Burnham, 196 feet plank,	2 94
Charles W. Hayes, 1 1-2 days on P. Falls road	1 13
Lydia Hayes, labor of oxen 3 days on road,	3 75
	126 83

GENERAL EXPENSE.

Paid Henry W. B. Grover for desk for office,	5 00
G. & W. P. Ffrost, in full as Liquor Agents,	46 09
E. J. Lane, books and stationery,	7 60
John S. Smith, repairing Town Hall scuttle,	85
James Butler, for coal,	4 00

Paid J. L. Fairbanks for blank books,	12 15
Minot W. Langmaid, for stone conductor for Town House,	4 00
H. W. B. Grover, repairing Steele's bridge,	1 00
H. W. B. Grover, guide boards and posts,	11 00
S. Runlett, measuring lumber, sawdust for Town Hall, &c.,	3 30
Daniel Tuttle, running Newmarket line,	1 50
George W. Butler, service and expense on town lines,	10 00
George W. Butler, ordinary services,	30 00
G. & W. P. Ffrost, for stationery,	1 32
S. H. Greene, service at Newmarket for Hodgdon,	5 00
J. B. Smith, ordinary service as Selectman and Treasurer,	50 00
J. B. Smith, services and expense on town lines,	10 00
" " services preparing invoice,	3 00
J. W. E. Thompson, services as Town Clerk,	22 87
" " searching records and certificates,	2 75
" " cash paid for books and stationery,	5 25
Jacob Mathes, services as Collector, 1864,	90 00
Samuel Stevens, damage to sleigh on highway,	3 00
Assessment,	10 00
Jacob B. Thompson, services on Newmarket line	2 00
Rev. Alvan Tobey, services as Superintending School Committee,	39 00
Jacob Mathes, stone post and setting same on Madbury line,	1 00
" " services as Selectman,	30 00
" " " on Town line,	4 00
" " expense of tax bills,	1 75
	417 43

WAR EXPENSES.

Paid J. B. Smith,	services filling Town quota, paying interest, &c.,	91 00
" "	preparing State aid, ac't,	2 00
" "	expenses to Portsmouth, Concord and Boston,	103 40
" "	Revenue stamps,	19,00
" "	blanks, stamps and books, 4,45, express, 1 50	5 95
" "	services in paying State aid,	25 00
Geo. W. Butler,	services and expenses recruiting,	72 75
		319 40

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY LIST,

Worked out by Nathaniel Ladd and 27 others,	46 60

BREAKING OUT HIGHWAY IN WINTER.

Paid John E. Thompson,	Surveyor,	9 50
Ebenezer J. Parsons,	do	5 00
William Tuttle,	do	18 75
Warren Smith,	do	6 00
Nicholas Drew,	do	3 75
Samuel Stevens, labor,		2 00
		45 00

TOWN NOTES PAID.

Paid Ai T. Gilman, in full,		3100 00
Cyrus G. Smith, do		300 00
Portsmouth Saving's Bank, in full		3100 00
George W. Butler,	do	400 00
M. J. Parsons	do	200 00
S. A. Woodman		1700 00
Charles E. Demeritt,		100 00
S. J. Jones		25 00
George W. Pinkham,		750 00
B. Long, in full,		60 00
Stephen Rand, do		100 00

Paid Patrick Ryan,	50 00
James F. Walker,	100 00
Eliza A. Smith,	500 00
C. Long,	35 00
A. H. Woodman, notes in full,	1600 00
Jeremiah Langley,	500 00
John Drew,	100 00
Clark Mathes,	950 00
John Drew, 2d	129 00
	11,999 00

BOUNTIES PAID.

Paid James F. Walker				300
Samuel J. Jones				300
Asa D. Palmer				300
Samuel E. Smith				300
Alfred E. Davis				300
Andrew J. Stevens				300
George E. Langley				300
Luke R. Vibbert				300
James R. Small				300
Joseph W. Dame				300
Charles Gammon				300
Willian Tuttle, jr.	State and Town bounties		1 yr.	200
Patrick Ryan,	do	do	3 yrs.	600
Samuel Berry,	do	do	do	600
Chas. H. Reynolds,	do	do	do	600
Charles S. Davis,	do	do	2 yrs.	400
James L. Goodwin,	do	do	do	400
John Drew, 2d	do	do	do	400
Charles H. Bunker	do	do	do	400
Geo. W. Bunker	do	do	do	400
James Britton	do	do	do	400
James M. Bunker	do	for substitute		600
Lafayette Hall	do	do		600
James M. Kent	do	do		600
Geo. E. Edgerly	do	do		600
John S. Chesley	do	do		600
William R. Hobbs	do	do		600
Mark H. Mathes	do	do		600
				11,900

NOTES PAYABLE.

Rec'd of James F. Walker	250	A. D. Palmer	300
Sam'l J. Jones	375	H. Hull	100
J. Doyle	550	J. R. Chesley,	300
T. Walter Leach	2500	Mary Doe	350
James M. Kent	150	William Tuttle jr.	200
Chas. H. Reynolds	1400	Patrick Ryan	450
Cyrus G. Hull	900	Harriet A. Stevens	280
Jason Dame	419	John Emerson	200
Charles S. Davis	400	John Hodge	300
C Long	300	James L Goodwin	600
A D McDaniel	600	John Drew	400
William Woodman	200	Cha's B Nealley	100
Samuel Emerson	120	Dudley P. Meader	250
George W. Butler	100	Henry S. Palmer	200
Hale Stevens	100	George F. Bunker	780
George W. Palmer	200	Samuel Berry	450
Newmarket Bank	600	Jeremiah Langley	342
S D Mathes	1150	John Drew 2d	350
			16,166

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1864	1434 25
Literary Fund from State Treasurer	91 84
Rail Road Tax do	431 69
Rent of store J W Coe $50, rent of wharves 9 47	59 47
Timber and plank sold	5 00
Collector of 1863, Jedediah Langley's tax	2 80
Henry A. Drew, liquor at G & W P Ffrost's store	87 00
Taxes, resident	7465 80
" non-resident	258 66
" non-resident highway	57 49
E. Thompson, former overseer of poor, cash	440 65
National Bounties refunded	1412 00
State Bounties do	4300 00
State Aid refunded to May 1, 1864	3106 76
Notes, amount issued from March 1, 1864	16166 00
	35,319 41

EXPENDITURES.

Arrearages	86 24
Interest	1842 21
School Money	1069 84
General Expenses	417 43
Wiswall's Mill Bridge	194 12
Packer's Falls Bridge	127 77
Johnson's Creek Bridge	62 01
Jones Bridge on Newmarket road	18 00
Bridge on Madbury road	53 25
Roads and Bridges	126 83
Abatements, 1863—1864	52 43
County Tax	1178 20
State Tax	2445 00
Non-resident Highway taxes worked	46 60
War expenses	319 40
Poor Farm, bills paid	215 42
Ira T. Jenkins' bill of wood	20 00
Barrington taxes	4 58
Breaking roads, snow bills	45 00
State Bounties	4300 00
Town Bounties	7600 00
State Aid paid to May 1, 1864, not charged in last report	606 71
State Aid from May 1, 1864 to March 1, 1865	2200 00
Notes paid	11999 00
Balance in the Treasury March 1, 1865	289 37
	$35,319 41

JOSHUA B. SMITH,
JACOB MATHES,
GEO. W. BUTLER,
} Selectmen of Durham.

The undersigned, Auditors, hereby certify that the entries in the foregoing accounts are accurately cast and properly vouched.

JOHN MOONEY,
GEORGE J. WIGGIN,
} Auditors.

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

Note due	Benjamin Mathes	200 00
	Frances Durgin	300 00
	William H. Allen	440 00
	John A. Hanson	440 00
	Nathan Woodman	3500 00
	Sarah Paul	440 00
	Charles O. Jones	400 00
	Nathan Durgin	1000 00
	Joseph R. Chesley	300 00
	Sarah A. Woodman	1000 00
	Susan Philbrick	150 00
	Nicholas Drew	270 00
	Sarah A. Wentworth	600 00
	Andrew L. Simpson	200 00
	Charlotte Woodman	444 00
	Benjamin Thompson, Barrington	1163 00
	Jason Dame	1150 00
	John Drew	225 00
	Andrew D. McDaniel	860 00
	Benjamin Thompson, Durham	900 00
	Federal B. Stevens	100 00
	Cyrus G. Hull	700 00
	Clark Mathes	450 00
	Alfred F. Paul	50 00
	David O. Davis	200 00
	Dorcas Young	275 00
	Peter McKone	100 00
	George W. Palmer	248 00
	Henry S. Palmer	213 00
	Joseph Smith	300 00
	Samuel Emerson	300 00
	Jeremiah Langley	200 00
	Susan D. Mathes	710 00
	Charles E. Demeritt	100 00
	Joseph Bunker	525 00
	James M. Bunker	300 00

Note due George W. Pinkham.....		550 00
James Conner.....		200 00
Andrew J. Stevens.....		150 00
Eliza A. Smith.....		1000 00
Notes due given prior to March 1, 1864.....		20,653 00
" " " since " "		14,677 00
		$35,330 00
There is due the town for State aid paid since May 1, 1864.....	2200	
Balance in the Treasury March 1, 1865, about.....	290	
		2,490 00
Town Debt, March 1, 1865.....		$32,840 00

REPORT OF W. F. JONES,

Overseer of the Poor for the Town of Durham, for the year ending February 27, 1864.

Outstanding bills, March 10, 1865.

Paid G. & W. P. Ffrost's bill from Feb. 11, 1865, to March 9, 1864,	7 49
G. & W. Ffrost, for goods delivered Mrs. Joseph French, March 4, 1864,	2 00
L. Beach, for 4 gals. soap, delivered Feb. 10, 1864,	50
	9 99

BILLS AT THE FARM.

Paid John Cate for whitewashing Alms House	10 30
J. G. Flagg, for stove, &c.,	25 63
1 bbl. of soap and bbl.	4 50
23 1-2 yards of Print,	7 05
14 oz. of snuff 63c, tobacco 1 95,	2 58
Horse shoeing by Hull,	5 45
2 gal. Molasses 2 00, Salaratus 39c,	2 39
Tongues and Sounds,	54
Crackers 1 50, Fish 2 19,	3 69
Sugar 2 31, hard soap 62c,	2 93
7 1-2 yds. sheeting,	2 70
8 3-4 yards cotton demin,	5 20
4 brooms 1 73, 1 lb tea 1 00,	2 73
5 3-4 flannel 4 03, 2 yds selisia 92c,	4 95
grinding corn and barley,	2 98
Salve for Samuel Chesley,	87
1 dipper 25c, 3 basons 65c	90
1 tea pot 25c, rolling pin 20c,	45
smoothing irons 80, ax handle 25c	1 05
box unguentum 10c, 4 plasters 25c,	35
butter stamp 10c, saltpeter 6c	16

Paid 3 chairs 2 25, 1 table 2 00,	4 25
garden seeds 10c, 2 milk pails 67c,	77
1-2 bushel potatoes 50c, whip 50,	1 00
room paper 1 20, cream strainer 25c	1 45
rennet 1 13, putty 10,	1 23
bbl of plaster,	1 50
seed peas 1 00, 2 bags 1 00,	2 00
Daniel Chesley for seed barley,	93
1 comb 15c, box of mustard 25c,	40
Tweed for Dame and Durgin,	2 25
hinges and screws,	50
3 3-4 yds of cloth for Alonzo Bickford,	1 85
2 3-4 yds of ribbon for Mrs. Dame,	34
3 pigs 9 00, 2 straw hats 45c,	9 45
2 hoes 1 35, L. Johnson shoes 75c,	2 10
1 scythe and rifle,	1 40
Meat 1 70, wrench for Smith 13c,	1 83
rake 35c, 17 lbs. paint 3 40c	3 75
thread 28c, wool 4 10	4 38
turnip seed 5c, repairing harness 35c,	40
stove blacking 10c, tripe 35c,	45
comb 15c, 2 bushels salt 1 25,	1 40
rope for cheese press,	15
sash and putty 1 38, whiffltree 24c	1 62
2 sticks braid for Mrs. Dame,	34
basket 25c, seed peas 25c,	50
1 pr shoes for P. Smith,	1 75
hat for Chesley 1 50, beef 2 15,	3 65
jacket for John Durgin,	2 50
2 bbls 3 00, 1 bbl 1 75	4 75
1 chamber 50c, wicking 17c,	67
2 bushels salt,	2 40
hinges 25c, Joseph Palmer, labor, 1 00,	1 25
1 pr shoes for S. Chesley 2 00, oil 28c,	2 28
stove pipe 50c, salt 60c,	1 10
Alcohal 38c, meat bbl. 50c,	88
Book for Alonzo Bickford,	35

Paid delaine for M. Short's dress,	4 14
shoes, " "	1 25
1 pr shoes for Alonzo Bickford,	1 35
salts for John Durgin, 6c, ball twine 25c,	31
carding wool 65c, use of cider mill 70c	1 35
boots for L. Dame,	4 50
beef and suit 1 45, cudbear 8c,	1 53
8 yds satinet 8 40, butts 13c,	8 63
shoe strings 5c, plates 83c,	88
1 doz. buttons for A. Bickford,	17
repairs on pump 50c, washboard 50c,	1 00
tapping shoes for M. Short,	35
matches,	64
E. Bickford for labor,	3 42
John Rollins, "	44 00
Charles Gerrish "	1 75
Wm. Chesley "	8 33
Charles Henderson "	1 00
George Fowler "	2 00
L. Burnham "	1 50
Joseph Palmer "	3 16
L. C. Gerrish "	3 16
Ira T Jenkins for wood,	30 00
Madbury tax,	5 77
Rufus Willey, blacksmith bill,	6 15
Thos. Clark for sheeting, 48 1-2 yds,	20 32
G. & W. P. Ffrost for goods,	16 44
John T. Hanson, for barter,	7 32
S. H. Greene, 1 visit to S. Chesley,	75
J. M. Pendexter for labor in haying,	8 33
J. W. Coe for sundries,	18 60
L. Foss for wagon, &c.,	7 90
E. H. Austin for cow,	30 00
book for Bickford boy,	55
wicking 1 50, use of bull 2 50,	4 00
Geo. S. Woodman, barter ac't,	121 23
L. Beach for 8 gal. of soap,	1 00

Paid James M. Bunker 443 lbs. superphosphate at 3c pr lb.,	13 29
W. F. Jones for 29 loads marsh mud, 25c per load,	7 25
Daniel Chesley, mowing 16 acres of grass,	16 00
3 yds shirting for J. Thomas,	1 20
Mrs. Nason,	10 00
	575 74

POOR AWAY FROM FARM.

Paid G. & W. P. Ffrost, supplies for Mrs. J. French,	5 30
L. C. Clark, 1 gal. molasses deliv'd " "	80
F. F. Doe, 1-2 cord pine wood " " "	2 00
S. H. Greene, attendance and med. " "	15 00
" " " " Jacob Bickford	21 75
J. Twombly, boots for Mrs. Jos. Erench,	2 75
C. A. Haley, supplies for Marg. Craon & son,	30 00
" " Mary Craon,	15 00
" " Mrs. Carol,	2 00
J. D. Sullivan, del'd Marg. Craon and son,	11 50
Joy and Dearborn, supplies for Margaret Craon and son,	17 00
J. D. Sullivan, wood del'd Mrs J. French,	4 00
	127 10

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid W. F. Jones, services as Overseer of poor,	53 75
Postage and stationery,	1 25
Josiah Nason as keeper of the Alms House,	300 00
Appraisers,	8 00
	363 00

CR. RECEIPTS FROM SALES, &C.

Rec'd L. Beach for grease and ashes,	1 50
J. G. Flagg for old iron, &c.,	7 87
Geo. T. Woodman, barter,	121 23
John T. Hanson, "	7 32
J. Butler, pasturing horse	3 00
" ox labor,	1 00

R. Willey, pasturing cow 7 00, bbl. cider 3 40	10 00
S. Paul " "	7 00
Gen. A. Hoitt for hay,	534 35
J. P. Emerson, house rent,	16 00
County Strafford for support of County poor,	346 87
Dan'l Chesley for hay,	19 00
" " pasturing cattle,	29 00
6 calves 44 00, 1 pig 10 00,	54 00
potatoes 13 50, T. Jackson, 4 dinners 67c,	14 17
J. Butler for hay,	6 00
Young "	1 00
G. W. Ransom for beans,	1 00
Dan'l Chesley for labor, man and oxen,	9 75
keeping cattle,	51 70
for butter,	53 29
cheese 7 60, cow hide 6 48,	14 08
Wm. F. Jones, ox labor and man 1 1-2 day,	3 00
Hannah D. Hayes for board,	22 00
	1315 53

DR. RECAPITULATION.

Paid outstanding bills,	9 99
At the Farm,	575 74
Away from Farm,	127 10
General expenses,	363 00
Total,	1075 83

Total Cr.,	1315 53
Total Dr.,	1075 83
Balance due town,	239 70

WM. F. JONES, Overseer of Poor.

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE TOWN FARM,
February 23, 1865.

STOCK.

1 pr Oxen 6 ft 10 in.
7 good Cows,
1 Horse,
2 Shoats, 20 Hens.

FARMING UTENSILS.

2 yokes with appt.
1 do without,
3 ox chains,
1 trace chain,
1 shovel,
1 manure fork,
4 hay forks,
1 horse rake,
2 drag rakes,
1 hand rake,
1 manure digger,
1 wiffle tree,
1 ox harrow
1 colter do
1 plow,
1 scythe and snaith,
1 handsaw,
1 drag,
3 hoes,
1 bush scythe and snaith.
1 stone hammer,
1 grindstone,
1 iron bar,
1 work harness,
1 wagon harness,
1 sleigh,
1 string bells,
1 buffalo robe,
2 axes,
2 pr ox wheels,
1 cart,
1 ox sled,
1 hay cart,
1 horse cultivator,
1 auger,
1 woodsaw,
12 tie chains,
1 pick,
2 old horse wagons.

DAIRY.

2 butter stamps,
3 cheese hoops,
1 cheese tub,
1 cheese basket,
44 milk pans,
5 milk pails,
1 strainer,
1 cream pail,
1 skimmer,
178 lbs cheese.
20 lbs butter,
4 earthern pots,
1 churn,
1 cheese press,
2 cheese safes,
3 cheese cloths,
1 earthern pan,
2 butter boxes,
3 stone jars.

PANTRY.

1 gal molasses,	1 set of measures,
1 bushel meal,	1 lb tea,
1 sieve,	1 sugar box,
1 small box,	1-4 bbl flour,
1 lb saleratus,	1 molasses can.

PROVISIONS IN CELLAR & CORN HOUSE.

3 bbls pork,	1-2 bbl vinegar,
1 1-2 do beef,	30 bush barley,
4 1-4 pots lard,	15 lbs dried apples,
66 lbs ham (2 legs)	3-4 bush white beans,
65 bush corn,	1 bbl turnips,
1-2 bush beans (colored)	1 bbl carrots,
30 lbs fish,	1 bbl cider.
90 bush potatoes.	

BEDS AND BEDDING.

8 bedsteads,	10 feather beds,
17 pillows,	21 bed spreads,
22 pillow cases,	24 sheets.

KITCHEN UTENSILS.

2 cook stoves with appt.	1 air-tight stove,
1 coffee mill,	1 lantern,
2 water pails,	1 wash board,
3 wash tubs,	3 cider bbls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

3 meal bags,	14 tons hay,
8 gals soap,	1 iron kettle,
50 doz candles,	6 1-2 cords pine wood.

We, the subscribers, Appraisers at the Town Farm, Feb. 23, 1865, found the articles as above stated. The stock is in fair condition. The farming utensils were found in their proper places, some of them in good condition and some so mean that it is a disgrace to the town to have such implements on the premises ; but, judging from the appearance of the barn and outbuilding, everything is taken care of in a farmer like manner.

We went over the house from the cellar to the garret and found a clean house and every thing in its proper place, and we would, as townsmen, invite all, both ladies and gentlemen, who wish to see a clean house, beds and bedding, to call at our Alms House, and we will assure you that the lady of the house, Mrs. Nason, will treat you respectfully and show you over her house with the greatest pleasure, for we think she is second to no one for the place she now fills.

E. J. COFFIN,
J. S. BURNHAM, } Appraisers.

INMATES AT ALMS HOUSE.

Susan Johnson,
John Durgin,
Alonzo Bickford,
Mrs. Dame and child.
Pamelia Smith,
Samuel Dame,
Martha Short,

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For the Year Ending March 1, 1865.

In offering to the town the annual report required, I am happy to say that the schools have generally been conducted successfully, and with few exceptions, acceptably to the people of the several districts. The following table will show some of the most important facts in relation to them:

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

No. Dis.	Teacher.	Weeks of school.	Wages a month.	No. of schol's.	Aver. attend.
1	Lizzie A. Chase of Sanbornton Bridge	15	$22	46	37
2	Sarah J. Drew of Dover	8 2-5	17	17	15
3	Abbie M. Clarke of Strafford	6	16	12	11 2-3
4	Nellie C. Bradbury of Salmon Falls	10	18	10	8
5	Mary E. Smith of Exeter	9	18	32	26
6	Emma A. Perkins of New Market	8	18	11	9
7	Lizzie A. Meader of Durham	9	18	27	22 1-2
8	Lydia S. Jones of Durham	6	20	34	27 2-3
9	Mary F. Chesley of Durham	9	18	34	28
10	Leonora A. Bean of Nottingham	8	18	23	21 3-4

WINTER SCHOOLS.

1	Bernice A. Demeritt of Lee	10 3-4	$32	49	39
2	Hannah D. Hayes of Durham	10	24	*20	18 1-5
3	Ellen A. Jenkins of Madbury	7 1-2	21	16	12 4-5
4	Lizzie R. Hanson of Lee	10 3-5	24	20	14
5	Mary E. Smith of Exeter	9	21.50	30	26
6	Emma A. Perkins of New Market	8	18	11	9
7	Franke A. Warfield of Holliston, Mass.	9	30	27	22 1-2
8	Daniel B. Fitts of Fremont	11	30	not ended.	
9	" " "	8	25	28	17
10	Leonora A. Bean of Nottingham	10	18	25	22 1-2

*14 resident in Dover—6 in Madbury.

The teachers in District No. 1, for both seasons, are of the very first class, competent, experienced, kind, judicious, faithful. It is from no fault in them if the school has not proved excellent in all respects. A complaint made by

the teacher of the winter school in her report, deserves the serious consideration of those concerned : "During my short experience in teaching, I have never taught where so little interest was *manifested* by the parents as in this district ; and be it said to their discredit, that they have avoided the school room as they would any epidemic disease."

The school in District No. 2, united with No 1 in Madbury, did very well in both terms. In the summer it had the same teacher as last year, and in the winter another of experience and excellent qualifications. No school needs to be under better discipline than this was in the winter. And the teaching was also very good.

In District No. 3 the school did very well in both seasons, especially in the winter. Very few teachers surpass Miss Jenkins. But what can any school accomplish with only 13 1-2 weeks of school time for the year ?

In District No. 4, the summer school, having the same teacher as in the winter before, was very small, in part because a portion of the people in the district had received so unfavorable impressions of the teacher in the previous winter, that they would not send their children. Yet the teacher did remarkably well for the few who attended. They were constant and interested. Her oral instructions in the rudiments of Geography, History, Physiology and morals, were especially successful and useful.

The teacher of the winter school was so very successful as to draw upon herself no complaints from any party or person in the district.

In District No. 5, the same teacher was employed for both seasons. There was some want of promptness and energy in the management of the school, which detracted from its usefulness. Still I think it did pretty well.

The school in District No. 6, for the year, was kept in one continuous term of 16 weeks, during the fall and early winter. It would have been better if divided, and a vacation of two or three weeks between the terms. The teach-

er, I think, has had no previous experience; but she has done very well for so small a school.

Both teachers in District No. 7, were without experience when they began; and both did so well as to give promise of being excellent teachers hereafter. The school was very well regulated and taught.

In District No. 8, the summer school was taught by a teacher of much experience, with her usual good success. In the winter it was kept late in the season, with some disadvantages on that account, but very successfully. The discipline of the school is excellent, and their instruction thorough. The teacher took this school after he had finished the one in district No. 9.

The teacher of the summer school in District No. 9, had her first experience in the work, and was perhaps not quite so energetic as might be desired; but the school did very well. Few classes in our district schools appear better than the most advanced class in this.

The teacher of the winter school was laborious, thorough, and a good disciplinarian, but perhaps a little wanting in patience and gentleness. I was surprised to find but a small number of scholars at the close, most of the older ones having gone into the High School in Newmarket.

In District No 10, the same teacher was employed in summer and winter. She was energetic, a good disciplinarian, and kept a good school. The average attendance—only 2 less than the whole number—was better in proportion to the number of scholars than in any other school in town. For want of notice I failed to visit this school near the close of the first term and near the beginning of the second. The teacher was employed for a private school of a month, after the public school was finished.

It will be seen, by these statements, that on the whole the schools have done well. Some, of course, have done better than others; but no one of them has failed to do some good; and nearly all of them have been very highly useful in proportion to the time they were kept.

Prudential Committees are very apt to be negligent of their duty to give notice to the Superintending Committee when schools begin and end. This is an injurious fault, and ought to be corrected. Generally there is no reason to suppose that the Superintending Committee will be informed in any other way than by notice from the Prudential Committee.

All our schools have been much too short. In one district only 13 1-2 weeks of school for the year, in another 16, in two others 17, in three others 18 each, and in one 18 2-5. The greatest amount of time was less than 26 weeks. But there ought to be at least 30 weeks of school time in every district.

I do earnestly hope the town will, as formerly, raise $300 for schools, if not more, in addition to the amount provided by law ; and that the addition will be divided equally among the districts. No other division goes so far towards equalizing the school privileges for all.

There ought to be a good dictionary, and a few other books of reference in each school. It would also be a great benefit to have some simple apparatus, for aids and illustration in each school house. For this purpose I recommend that a part of the additional school money, if it be raised, not more than ten dollars in each district, may be expended by the Sup. School Committee.

I have introduced Weld & Quackenbos's Grammar, as, on the whole, better for our schools than those before in use. It is furnished on such terms as to make no increase of expense for books. The books now in use are the following : The Bible ; the Progressive Reader and Speller ; Colburn's First Lessons in Arithmetic, and Greenleaf's Common School and National Arithmetic ; Weld and Quackenbos's Grammer ; Colton and Fitch's Geography ; and Quackenbos's History of the United States.

I should prefer Eaton's Arithmetic ; but Greenleaf's has come into such general use that I have not attempted a change.

The school houses in districts 4, 5, 6, and 10, remain in a miserable condition, as they have for years past. It ought not to be so. The expense of building new, comfortable and convenient houses would soon be repaid in the greater interest and improvement of the scholars. The health of the scholars is seriously endangered in some of these houses, by the impossibility of keeping them properly warmed and ventilated in cold or wet weather.

It should be remembered that a good school house helps much towards a good school. It encourages both teacher and scholars. Indeed it more than encourages them, it enables them to do better than they could in a poor house. It also makes the school more pleasant, and will contribute to happy memories of childhood in all the after life.

It is of the highest importance that the people give greater attention to the schools. The interest in them should be cherished, manifested and increased. Visit them ; see what they are doing. Do not be content to suppose they are doing well ; but make yourselves sure of it. A good farmer would not let his young cattle be in the pasture with so little of watchful care as that sometimes given to children while they are in the school house. A constant, watchful, earnest interest in the schools, maintained by the people generally, is an insurance that they will be good, and ever advancing in usefulness.

ALVAN TOBEY, Sup. School Committee.

Durham, N. H., Mar. 1, 1865.